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For: SELF-ANCHORING SLING AND

INTRODUCER SYSTEM

Examiner: Julian W. Woo

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the final Office Action dated June 18, 2008, for which a response is due on September 18, 2008. This response is filed within two months of the issuance of the final Office Action and therefore qualifies for expedited review. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims in light of the remarks and amendments presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.